

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 3 are presented for consideration, with Claim 2 being independent.

Claim 2 has been amended and placed in independent form. In addition, editorial changes have been made to Claims 2 and 3. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In response to this rejection, Claim 2 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 1. In addition, Claim 2 has been amended to include the changes suggested on page 2 of the Office Action. In amending the claims, it will be appreciated that the changing attitudes of the arm members cause “movement” of the manipulating hand. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claim 2 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As this rejection has been overcome, it is submitted that Claims 2 and 3 are now in condition for allowance.

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner’s attention is

directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided by their accompanying English-language abstracts. For the Examiner's additional information, U.S. Patent No. 6,558,107 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 2000-208588.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the subject information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents were first cited in a Japanese Office Action dated February 14, 2006, in a corresponding Japanese patent application. A copy of the Office Action that issued on that related application is enclosed.

As will be appreciated, Japanese Document No. 2002-103298 is listed in the Japanese Office Action but is not included, as it was previously cited and enclosed in the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of October 13, 2005.

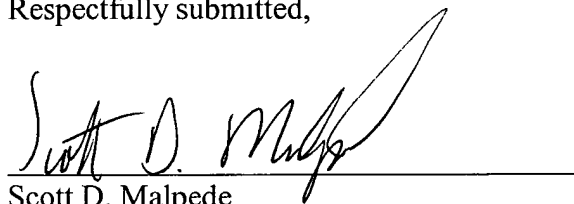
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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